

House Bill 515

By: Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Knox of the 24th, Smith of the 168th, Watson of the 91st, Rynders of the 152nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 optometrists, so as to authorize certain optometrists to prescribe and administer oral and
3 topical pharmaceutical agents related to the diagnosis or treatment of diseases and conditions
4 of the eye and adnexa oculi except Schedule I and Schedule II controlled substances; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists,
9 is amended by adding to paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-30-1, relating to definitions, a new
10 subparagraph (A.1) to read as follows:

11 "(A.1) A doctor of optometry who is certified for using pharmaceutical agents for
12 diagnostic and treatment purposes shall be authorized to prescribe and administer all
13 oral and topical pharmaceutical agents related to the diagnosis or treatment of diseases
14 and conditions of the eye and adnexa oculi except Schedule I or Schedule II controlled
15 substances."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.